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PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

U. S. SUES TO RECOVER \$75,000,000 WAR FRAUDS

SHORT STORIES

Featuring With Fiction, Fantasy and Other Stories. By "S. S."

Hardy, Ed.

Mayor Logan seems to be enjoying a verbal variation.

Nederland avenue residents still anxious for bus line communication.

They're surveying Houston avenue for moving the car tracks over to the center.

This Saturday, on the grid card, looks like the full before the storm. It probably is.

"Mike" Quin told Rotarians Thursday of at least one thing that can't be done as a commercial transaction.

Ralph McFadden, identification superintendent, has a chipped diamond set in the handle of his pistol. Nifty, eh what?

Quiet reported about whole battle front. Demonstrations may be expected, however, in the city hall sector late today.

Why do Yellow Jackets have so much trouble in matching games, when Orange, Silver, etc., can go out and match a game overnight?

Cap Steele and Abe Goldberg have announced their intention of leaving "Mike" Quin perch tonight at the mission at St. George's.

Flies and humming go a long way to make the old town look dressed up. Now how about sweeping the sidewalks and streets downtown to match?

Company D, "Port Arthur's Own," drew its first pay from the Texas National Guard pay office Thursday night.

S. S.'s idea of a man who does not know how to tell off—fines a pick-up, is considering quitting at foot-ball coach at Penn State to take the helm of the Phillies in the National League.

Giving football scores over New York radio tomorrow night will be: Army-Navy, Yale-Harvard, Beaumont-Bryan—these are about all the scores one will have to know.

Rotarians told "Mike" Quin that they would be out to hear him preach while here. Cap Steele and Abe Goldberg were advised to make it Friday night, when their cases would be taken up especially.

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For Next Week: Tonight and Saturday generally fair; continued cool.

Winds on Texas Coast: Light to moderate, north to northwesterly.

Maximum temperature, 68; minimum temperature, 44; precipitation, 0.

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High tide 8:22 a. m., 2:22 p. m., 8:22 p. m.

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N. Y. Mayor To War On K. K. K.

Hylan Orders Police to Drive Klansmen From City

STRATON DENIES PART

Atlanta Office Says It Is a Political Scheme

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—A resolution calling for the appointment of a joint committee of congress to investigate charges that the Ku Klux Klan has held initiation ceremonies in the United States capital and other government buildings, was introduced in the house today by Representative Hylan, democrat of Illinois.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Initiation of New York City by the Ku Klux Klan, with recruiting offices at 42nd and Broadway today stirred Mayor Hylan to indignant protest.

Hylan ordered his police to drive out the klansmen as they would deal with "disorderly houses or a pack of crooks."

The Rev. Oscar Hayswood, evangelist of Dr. John R. Straton's Calvary Baptist church, who was quoted as saying he would continue recruiting for the Klan and would open headquarters at the Hotel Horwath was in hiding today and there was talk at the hotel of asking him to give up the idea.

Mr. Straton, wife of the prominent pastor, who was mentioned by Mayor Hylan as having been recruited in sympathy with the Klan, indignantly declared today:

"No one in the United States is more violently opposed to the principles and purposes of the Ku Klux Klan than Dr. Straton."

"Go after the Ku Klux Klan and do not let them get a foothold in New York City. It is to be regretted that the men of the cloth, regardless of their denomination, would have anything to do with an organization whose purpose is as vile as that of the Ku Klux Klan. These people can be dealt with under the conspiracy provision of the penal law of the state of New York."

SAYS HYLAN'S ATTACK IS POLITICAL MOVE

ATLANTA, Nov. 24.—Major Hylan's attack on the Ku Klux Klan is merely a political move on his part, and since the Klan as an organization is not in politics, and has no intention of going into politics, any answer on our part would merely further the ends of a politician.

This was F. L. Savage's statement when informed that the mayor of New York City had instructed his police commissioner in New York to take steps to stop the recruiting of Klansmen of the Ku Klux Klan in New York City. Savage is the chief of staff of the Klan with headquarters in Atlanta.

"It is not hard to understand Hylan's move," said Savage. "But if he thinks that he can use the Klan as a stepping stone toward political preferment, expecting us to fight back and further his ends, he has another guess coming."

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NEGRESS FINED \$5 FOR CUTTING UP NEGRO

A fine of \$5 and costs was assessed against Viola Guider, negress, by Justice of the Peace W. F. James, this morning following the trial of the woman on a complaint of stabbing a negro, Andrew Luke, one night during a fight on West Seventh street. Luke was stabbed over the heart, but not seriously wounded, it was reported.

Port Arthur Man Suicides in Jail

Prettiest Co-Ed

HITCHCOCK LIES: CLEMENCEAU

Veteran Statesman Brands His Speeches as Fraud

CITES ELECTION DEFEAT

'Tiger' Says His 'Militarism' Kept Germans Back

BOSTON, Nov. 24.—George Clemenceau branded as a lot of "lies" Senator Hitchcock's speech that he is a militarist, and France maintains an army of blacks in German territory.

The Tiger in his den on the third floor of the palatial Hingham home here, came back strongly at his senator.

"Ask me any question, you want," he invited the interviewer.

"What about Hitchcock's charges that you are a militarist?" he was asked.

The Tiger laughs.

That brought laughter from the Tiger who shuffled across the floor in carpet slippers. He adjusted the black satin skull cap on his head and laughed. "Senator Hitchcock? Oh yes, he's the man that only has a little while longer to serve in the senate. The people of his state had something to say about the gentleman on election day."

"I think that you'll excuse me if I don't believe that you are a militarist, to France and ask the people if I am a militarist. If they say yes, then I'll plead guilty to the charge. But not until then."

"I am not a militarist. I suffered the most cruel being one from 1871 to 1914. I turned into one shortly before the war broke out when I prolonged the period of military service in my country to three years."

"But that wasn't so bad, was it, that acted to keep the Germans back until they were beaten?"

The aged statesman was told that Hitchcock charged that France was still keeping an army of blacks in occupied German territory.

"There is not a black stationed along the Rhine," he said, his hand clanking to emphasize the point as he struggled for breath.

"Of course, the fact that we maintain blacks in German territory has (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

ALL OVER TEXAS

HOUSTON.—A campaign to raise \$400,000 for the community chest fund from which all local charity will be dispensed, was begun here today.

HOUSTON.—Without the guidance of a tug, the Spanish steamship Mar Tornado, docked at the port late after negotiating the winding ship channel. This is seldom done in a day and this is the first time at night.

TEMPLE.—Vigorous protest against heating the state penitentiary system on a site near Belton was yesterday sent to the prison board by a group of farmers owning land in the vicinity of the proposed site.

BIRMINGHAM.—The largest class in the history of the court—fifty-eight negroes—were naturalized here late Wednesday.

CUERO.—A mayor to succeed J. L. Sloan, who resigned Tuesday last, was named by the city council.

GALVESTON.—The British steamer Calma from Australia is docked at the port here, manned by a crew of 1,000. The Indians, with their picturesque costumes, have drawn a large crowd to watch the loading of the ship each day.

DALLAS.—Tom Priddy, employed by the Mosley Street company of Dallas, was seriously injured yesterday when he fell from a bridge on which he was working and landed on a pile of rocks in the river bed below. He sustained a fractured skull and is in a serious condition.

CORPUS.—With a bullet hole in the temple, the body of W. D. Carter, 50, was found here late yesterday afternoon near the Oakland cemetery. A pistol and an empty bottle were found near the body.

FORT WORTH.—Maudie Ayala, charged with making liquor, was freed by a jury in the criminal district court here because he told the court he made the whiskey for his sick wife.

FORT WORTH.—A gay youth drank enough "jake" here to think he could win anyone in the world. He entered the police station and started a battle with the cops. He got a good night's rest in the house.

ABILENE.—If you think you are not getting enough pay at the office, think of these guys. Members of the Texas Lumber company out of the Jones Lumber company out of the company and "cracked" it. They got \$1,500.

SAN ANTONIO.—Mrs. Mary Black, 59, was shot and killed while guests in the next room were playing the piano. Police are investigating.

PARIS.—Mrs. M. K. Johnson was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of a boarding house she conducted.

Father of Bride Relents and Harmony Reigns in Millionaire's Home

Daughter Elopel With 'Piebe,' Disappeared, and After Six Months' Search Is Found in Houston

ARDMORE, Okla., Nov. 24.—Peace and harmony reigned supreme for the first time in ten months today in the household of U. T. Reckroat, millionaire oil man here.

A settlement was reached between Reckroat and his daughter, Opal, at a conference in McAlester yesterday, according to reports.

Opal Reckroat, now Miss Lottie Kinney, charged counter all open, aroused the ire of her father ten months ago when she married Lottie Kinney of Sulphur. During the ten months the girl and her father were at odds. Reckroat made several attempts to have the marriage of his daughter annulled. Action of Reckroat caused the turning on of the publicity spotlight.

Details of a Secret.

Details of the settlement at McAlester were not made public. \$100,000 and property valued at millions of dollars were involved in the settlement, it is said.

Kinney and Miss Reckroat eloped from Sulphur and were married in Chicago last New Year's day. Shortly before the elopement, Reckroat had given up the ownership of Opal's property, valued at that time at more than a million dollars.

Various charges were filed against Kinney by Reckroat following the marriage. A nationwide search for Kinney and his wife was started by Reckroat. Six months later, Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore located the couple in Houston, Texas, and brought them back here. No charges were ever proven against Kinney.

Following the reconciliation at McAlester, Reckroat and his children came home together last night. They refused to be interviewed by reporters.

CO. D 100 P. C. IN ATTENDANCE

Guard Outfit Mustered In, Draws Colonel's Praise

Praised by Col. W. P. Coleman of the United States regular army, because of the fine showing made and the 100 per cent attendance, Company D, 11thth engineers, 30th division was mustered into the national guard Thursday night.

"I am very much impressed with the showing made by the company," Colonel Coleman declared, after mustering it into service, and pledged his personal support to efforts to get full equipment and necessary materiel for bringing "Port Arthur's Own" to complete order.

Particular emphasis was laid by Colonel Coleman upon the fact that the company had turned out 100 per cent, it was stated today by Captain C. C. Parrish, commanding officer of the company. Other officers are First Lieutenant E. A. Clements and Second Lieutenant William Hayes.

Work of mustering in the headquarters and service company of the 11thth, including the band, will start at 8:30 in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, Colonel Coleman and Captain Lefly Lockwood, both from headquarters in San Antonio, remaining over for this work, Captain Parrish said today.

All men in the headquarters and service unit are urged to be on hand for this work between 6:30 and 7:30, Captain Parrish stated.

NEFF'S OLD FURNITURE TO GO TO NEW

ASTIN, Texas, Nov. 24.—New and modern equipment which is to replace the antiquated furniture in the governor's office is being inspected today in Houston by Dr. Harrington, of the state board of control, accompanying Dr. Harrington to Austin to assist in making the selection is Miss Ephie Stanford, assistant secretary to Governor Neff. Some of the furnishings in the governor's office have been there since the Texas capitol was dedicated on May 18, 1888.

CLAIMS EFFICIENCY

ASTIN, Texas, Nov. 24.—In the annual report of the state insurance commission to the governor, claim is made that the commission is now being conducted on a more economical basis than heretofore and it is also being operated efficiently and fairly.

READY TO EAT

Man Who Slew Officer Ends Hunger Strike

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 24.—Lee McHargue, charged with the killing of Deputy Sheriff Probert at Kannapolis, near here, several days ago, broke his hunger strike today.

McHargue refused until today to take nourishment and he still refuses to allow surgeons to dress his six bullet wounds.

He has not spoken since he was confined in jail.

L. F. MILLER TIES A TOWEL ABOUT NECK IN CELL

Had Been Committed to Insane Ward

INSANITY LONG FEARED

Twenty-Year Resident Often Threatened Suicide

With a towel twisted around his neck and tied to the corner of the cell door, L. F. Miller, 31, for 20 years a resident of Port Arthur, was found dead in the same ward of the county jail early this morning by Joe Habb, jail keeper. Death by a choker—shred—shred—shred—strangulation was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury.

Fearing that Mr. Miller was going insane, relatives made arrangements for him to be placed in the county asylum six days ago. Special requests were made at that time, it is reported, that permission be taken to prevent him from taking his life.

Just how long Mr. Miller had been dead when found was not determined. It was reported in Beaumont this morning. County officials said that an inquiry to determine his sanity had not been instituted prior to his death.

Miller returned to Port Arthur last September from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on account of ill health, relatives said today, and with his wife and young daughter, made his home with G. J. Norek and family, 506 Fifth street. Mr. Miller spent about 4 years in Oklahoma.

Surviving Mr. Miller are his wife and 2-year-old daughter, Mary Louise; his mother, Mrs. Fred Miller, Sr., of Griffin, Ga.; brother, Fred Miller, and brother, residing in Arizona, and Oscar of Port Neches; and one sister, Miss Emma Miller of Port Arthur.

No funeral arrangements have been made. It was said this afternoon, and the body is at J. E. Grammer's funeral parlors, pending completion of funeral arrangements.

"Pursuant to instructions from Dick Dowling Klan No. 25, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Texas, we are sending you 24 copies of the Holy Bible, the inestimable gift from God to man, which we trust you will place in the rooms of Mary Gates Hospital for the use and benefit of those whose physical misfortune may send them to that splendid institution for care and treatment."

"This organization finds between the covers of this Holy Book inspiration for its membership, severally and collectively, and with its teachings justify all its operations and secure its aims and purposes."

"It is our desire to do all we might to elevate the moral and religious tone of our community and especially to hope in being cheer to those who are unhappy and suffering."

"For this reason, we send you these Holy Bibles that those who are ill or for other reasons are downhearted and of a broken spirit may find spiritual refreshment in its messages to mankind."

"In addition to this modest gift, we ask you to accept an assurance of this organization's cordial co-operation in support of your fine institution—Mary Gates Hospital."

"Dick Dowling Klan, No. 25, Realm of Texas."

Too Much Baptism Cause of Death of Demented Negress

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 24.—Baptism cost the life of Ella Hillman, aged negro woman, according to a coroner's decision today.

The aged woman, who begged on the streets and was believed demented on the subject of religion, was accustomed to go to Village Creek each morning, where she immersed herself in the cold water and preached a sermon to an unseen audience.

With the thermometer the lowest it has been this year, it is believed she was seized with cramps during the strange baptismal ceremony yesterday. Her body was found floating in the creek, with all her earthly possessions—\$71 and some trinkets—tied in a little sack on the bank.

3 AUTOISTS DIE

Car and Fast Express in Crossing Collision

EDMUNST, Nov. 24.—Three were killed in an auto-train collision at a grade crossing near here.

The engine and two cars were upset when the train, a fast express on the Northern, hit the automobile. All the dead were occupants of the automobile.

THEATER GUTTED BY MORNING FIRE

END, Okla., Nov. 24.—Fire completely gutted the Criterion theater here early this morning. The blaze was said to have originated in the furnace room. It was the largest and fiercest theater here, with costly equipment. Loss is estimated at more than \$20,000.

INVOLVES WAR TIME BUILDING OF CANTONMENTS

Is Greatest Group of Law Suits by Government

ACCUSE CONTRACTORS

Construction of Four Camps Included—More to Come

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The federal government's greatest group of law suits to recover losses resulting from war frauds was started today. Legal steps to recover a huge sum, estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, alleged to be due from contractors and others involved in the building of war cantonments will be taken by Roscoe McCulloch, one of the special assistants to the attorney general, in charge of war fraud cases. The department of justice today announced the filing of the first of a series of suits to recover huge sums alleged to have been fraudulently obtained from the construction of cantonments during the war.

Suit filed today seeks to recover \$21,500,000.

Other suits will be filed later. The cantonments involved, the contracting firm against whom action is taken and the amount claimed in each case follow:

Camp Upton, Tappan, L. I. N. Thompson-Searrett company, \$8,000,000.

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. Hardaway Contracting company, \$6,400,000.

Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. A. Bentley Sons and Company, \$3,000,000.

Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kansas, George Fuller company, \$4,000,000.

The suits were filed simultaneously this afternoon in federal courts. The suits are in charge of former Representative McCulloch, special assistant to the attorney general.

The cases filed today constitute the greater single effort of the government to recover alleged overpayments for war work. All the cases were civil, not criminal.

Attorney General Cummings said nothing on the filing of the suits.

"The suits filed today represent work on the part of the department of justice which was begun about fifteen months ago and continued by the department down to the time the special war branch was organized and by the branch with all the aid the regular force could furnish since that time. The work could not have been completed any earlier than it has been."

"The amounts sued for represent what those who have continuously engaged in the work of investigation and preparation believe conservatively the government ought to recover. What should be recovered now would be a matter for the courts to determine. Considering the fact that these cases are the proceeds of other cases in the courts, the cases will be tried as soon as all preliminary questions, if any, are raised and disposed of and the courts will assign them. We will use all means within our power to hasten trials and conclusions."

Announcing the filing of these suits, the department stated "all the bills of complaint were filed at the same hour and in each case identical legal procedure was employed, it being alleged that contracting firms, their agents and representatives who built the army camps were indebted to the government in huge sums of money and material."

Florida S. O. S. for Information as to Lost Vessel at Sea

Request that all ships keep a lookout for the yacht Golden Girl, which has not been heard of since sailing from Key West November 9, for Honduras, was broadcast by a Florida wireless station Thursday night, and picked up here by the naval radio station.

Whether the "Golden Girl" is a steam motor or sailing yacht was not given in the message, it was stated at the radio station this morning.

200 FEET OF NEGRO BALL PARK BURN

About 200 feet of fence around the negro baseball park was burned Thursday afternoon and the plant of the cooperage company was threatened by the flames, originating with a gas fire. It was reported by the fire department. The cooperage concern turned in a fire alarm, and a canal truck from Central station was sent to the fire.

Charter Amendments To Austin for Okeh

Declaring the question polled and all proposed charter amendments carried, a resolution was passed Thursday afternoon by the city commission as a preliminary step to making the amendments a part of the city charter. It will now be necessary for the commission to pass an ordinance on the amendments, and certified copies will be sent to the secretary of state, in Austin.

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n, Mrs. J. E. Biggins Mrs. Sidney


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